

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Miller House Inventory Number: BA-3209
Address: 8232 Bradshaw Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Kingsville Zip Code: 21087 County: Baltimore County

USGS Quadrangle(s): White Marsh

Property Owner: Randall and Ursula McNew Tax Account ID Number: 1119051275

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 105 Tax Map Number: 64

Project: Section 200: I-95, North of MD 43 to North of MD 22 Agency: Maryland Transportation Authority

Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company

Preparer's Name: Emma Young/Stacey Streett Date Prepared: 9/27/2006

Documentation is presented in: Circuit Court of Baltimore County, Office of Land Records, Towson, Maryland.

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no

Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description:

The Miller House, located at 8232 Bradshaw Road in Kingsville, Baltimore County, Maryland, is a two-story, frame, cross-gable, circa-1870, I-house. A projecting, front-gable ell is located on the rear (east elevation) of the building, which forms an L-shaped footprint. The parcel is located within the northeastern quadrant of the intersection of John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (I-95) and Bradshaw Road. The residence is set back from the east side of Bradshaw Road with a large front yard. A semi-circular driveway curves around near the front of the residence. The building is sided in clapboard on the east and north elevations; the west and south elevations are clad in painted stucco. The cross-gable and porch roofs are sheathed in asphalt shingles. Cornice returns accent the gable ends. Interior brick chimneys punctuate the east-west and north-south gable ridges.

The symmetrical, three-bay façade (west elevation) features a first-story, full-width, hipped-roof porch, which extends across the façade and wraps around to the north and south elevations. Poured-concrete piers support the wooden porch floor, and tapered, square, wooden columns support the porch roof. The main entry, comprised of a wood-panel door topped by a three-light transom, is centrally located on the west elevation. Porch lights flank the entry.

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MHT Comments: *Undistinguished example of a common type*

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Fenestration on the façade is hung in four sets of paired arrangements of six-over-six light, double-hung sash, wooden windows, with the first-story windows containing louvered, wood shutters. A single window of the same sash configuration is located in the center bay of the second story, between the paired windows on the east and west sides of the façade. A paired attic window containing nine-light, fixed-sash windows pierces the apex of the cross gable.

The south elevation of the main block is two bays wide. Four sets of six-over-six light, double-hung, wood-sash windows are hung singly on the first and second floors, with original, louvered, wood shutters extant on only one of the first-story windows. A paired attic window with the same sash configuration pierces the gable end. Although not completely accessible as part of this survey, a portion of a one-story wing on the rear ell is visible from the south elevation. The shed-roof wing is sided in clapboard, and six-over-six light, double-hung sash, wooden windows, flanked by louvered, wood shutters, are hung on the south side of the rear wing.

The north elevation of the main block is two bays wide, with the two-story, two-bay rear ell meeting the wall-juncture of the side gable. A secondary entrance is located below a one-bay, shed-roof, entry porch on the north side of the ell, which is reached by two, poured-concrete steps. The entry consists of a wooden, screen door, and a porch light is adjacent to the western doorjamb. Six-over-six light, double-hung sash, wooden windows are hung singly in a symmetrical pattern on the first and second stories of both blocks, and no shutters are extant. A paired attic window with the same sash configuration pierces the gable end, and a pedimented dormer containing a six-over-six light, double-hung sash, wooden window lights the attic story of the ell.

The west (rear) elevation was inaccessible during field investigations. Overall, the property, which comprises 4.49 acres, is in fair condition.

A large, mature holly tree and several deciduous trees are located to the west of the semi-circular drive and shade the façade of the residence. A forsythia bush is planted near the southwestern corner of the dwelling, and other ornamental shrubs are planted along the southern side of the foundation. Lush groves of mature, deciduous trees bound the northern, eastern, and southern portions of the property.

Historical Narrative:

The community of Bradshaw, Maryland is a small rural village located in the Eleventh District of Baltimore County. Before the turn of the century, the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad ran near the southern border whereas the Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York Railway traversed through the center of the district. The main thoroughfares, historically and at present, were Harford, Belair, and Philadelphia Roads. (Each originally functioned as a turnpike).

The property at 8232 Bradshaw Road began as part of a larger tract of land that was owned by the Howard family, containing 80 acres, two rods, and 29 perches, which John Miller of Baltimore City acquired by a deed, dated December 26, 1861 for the sum of \$2351, from the trustee of Charlotte E. Munnikhuysen (formerly Charlotte E. Howard) and Jacob H. Munnikhuysen of Baltimore County (Baltimore County Land Record Liber GHC 32, Folio 474). Presumably, the Millers were the original owners of the existing circa-1870, cross-gable I-house on the property.

John Miller and his wife Sophia retained the property until 1885 when they conveyed the property to Benjamin F. Taylor of Baltimore County for the sum of \$2000 (Baltimore County Land Record Liber WMI 145, Folio 544). The large parcel is referred to as "Sandy Vale" in the deed. Taylor retained ownership of the property until the early twentieth century. On June 7, 1932, Harry S. and Margaret A. Nichols mortgaged the property from George Edwin Wright; they subsequently defaulted on their mortgage in June 1935. Foreclosure proceeded, and George Edwin Wright purchased the property from W. Gill Smith, Assignee, at a public auction on July 1, 1935 for the sum of \$2500. The property in the deed consists of eight acres, one rod, and seventeen

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square perches, being Lot No. 1 on the plat of Sandy Vale (Baltimore County Land Record Liber CWB, Jr. 974, Folio 178).

By a deed dated May 2, 1936, George E. Wright granted the property in fee simple to John W. and Ida Marie Mobray for \$10 (Baltimore County Land Record Liber CWB, Jr. 974, Folio 179-180). A year later, the Mobrays deeded the property to George Edward and Hazel R. Green for the sum of five dollars. The deed references buildings and cultivated crops located on the property at that time (Baltimore County Land Record Liber CWB, Jr. 1001, Folio 545).

Hazel Green (widower of George Edward Green) retained ownership of the property until it was sold for \$10 to Morgan G. and Elizabeth Smith on May 31, 1950 (Baltimore County Land Record Liber TBS 1831, Folio 197). In the late 1950s and early 1960s, the Maryland State Roads Commission acquired portions of land surrounding the property. For the next 26 years, the Smiths remained on the property until they sold the 4.49-acre property to Randall and Ursula McNew, the current owners, on November 27, 1996 for the sum of \$130,000 (Baltimore County Land Record Liber SM 11924, Folio 104).

Cross-Gable I-House

From approximately 1870 through 1925, the cross-gable I-house was one of the most common residential building types constructed throughout Maryland. I-houses, which are two stories in height and one room deep, descend from traditional British folk forms and are common in the United States, most notably in the Tidewater South, prior to circa 1890. However, the popularity of the form continued into the twentieth century, and examples, usually highly altered, are found throughout the eastern half of the country. Varying patterns of porches, chimneys, and rear extensions are commonly seen in examples dating after circa 1890 (McAlester and McAlester 2002: 96).

Statement of Significance:

The Miller House located at 8232 Bradshaw Road in Baltimore County, Maryland is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as a local residential resource. Although the cross-gable, I-house was a common late-nineteenth-century architectural form throughout Baltimore County, the Miller House exhibits a higher degree of historical integrity than other local examples.

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. that are associated with the lives of significant persons in our past;
- C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. that have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory.

The Miller House is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The property does not reflect an association with any events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.

The Miller House is not eligible under Criterion B, as it has no known association with the lives of individuals of historical importance.

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The Miller House is eligible under Criterion C, as the dwelling is a representative example of a type of architectural form that exhibits a higher degree of integrity than other local examples in the area. The dwelling embodies the distinctive characteristics of the cross-gable I-house form. From approximately 1870 through 1925, the cross-gable I-house was one of the most common residential building types constructed throughout Maryland. However, the majority of those I-house forms extant throughout Baltimore County have been heavily altered by the installation of replacement windows, vinyl siding, and by the enclosure of porches and construction of additions.

The property was not evaluated for eligibility under Criterion D as part of the current investigation.

Integrity:

The Miller House retains a high degree of integrity of materials, design, and workmanship as the original siding materials, windows, chimneys, and some original shutters remain. Mature woodland and shrubbery historically associated with the property surround the dwelling to the north, east, and west, which supports integrity of setting and location. The dwelling exudes the essence of a late-nineteenth-century, cross-gable I-house through retention of historic materials, design, and workmanship, and therefore possesses integrity of association. The combination of integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, and association culminate in integrity of feeling.

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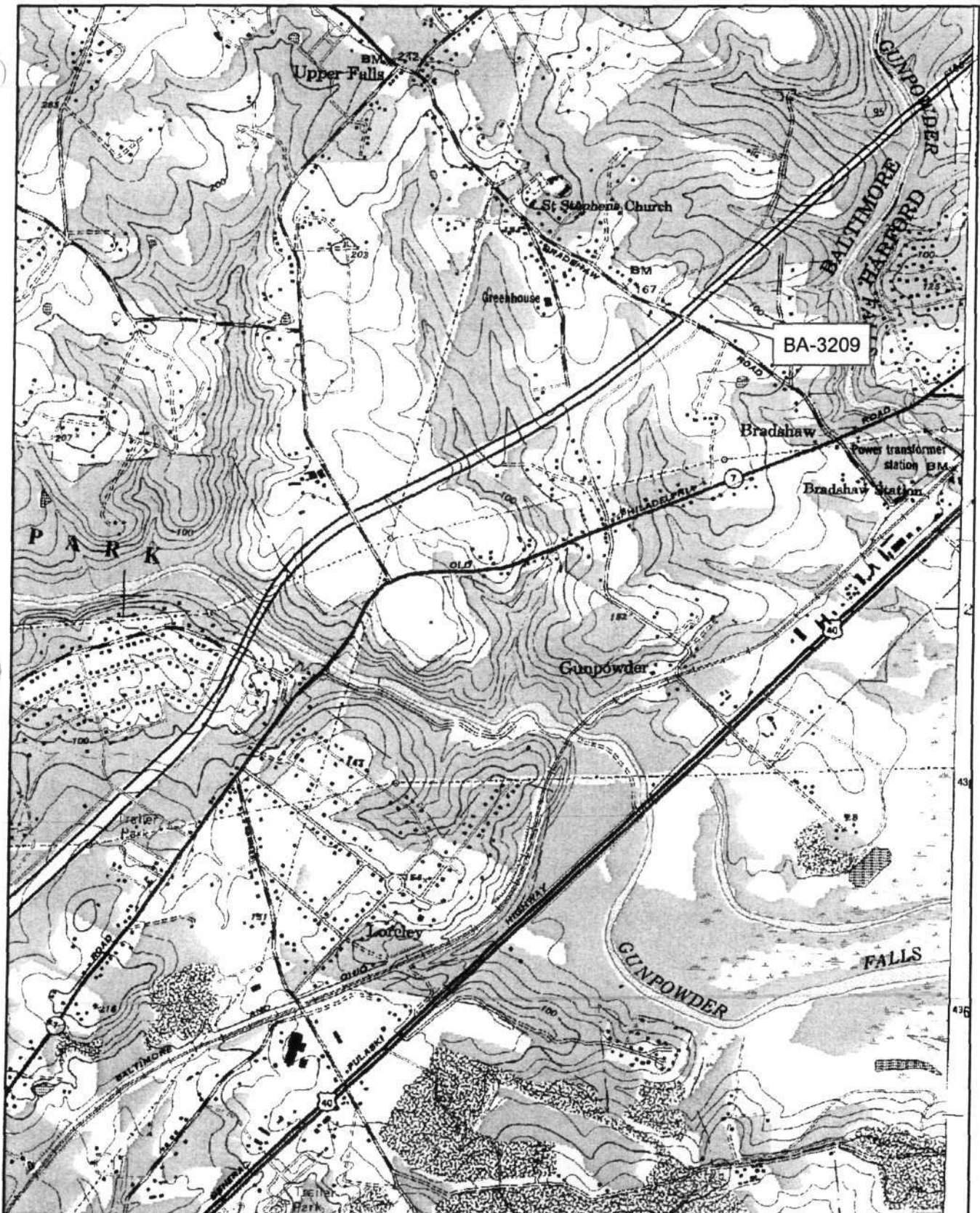
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Source: White Marsh USGS 9.5"
Topo Quadrangle (1986)



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